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1 11. (currently amended) Methods for the production of mixed alcohols including the steps  
2 of:  
3 using a sulfided, nanosized transition metal catalyst selected from Group VI metals;  
4 nanosizing the Group VI transition metal catalyst by selecting Group VI metals, and  
5 mixtures thereof, and then nanosizing said Group VI metals and mixtures thereof to a mean  
6 particle diameter [in the range of about 1 nm to] of about 100 nm ;  
7 suspending the Group VI transition metal catalyst in a liquid to form a slurry; and  
8 contacting said slurry with gases including carbon monoxide and hydrogen at a temperature in  
9 the range of about 250° C to about 325° C and at a pressure in the range of about 500 psig to  
10 about 3000 psig, to thereby produce mixed alcohols.

1 12. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the nanosized Group VI transition metal catalyst  
2 is sulfided prior to its use in producing mixed alcohols from gases including carbon monoxide  
3 and hydrogen.

1 13. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the nanosized Group VI transition metal  
2 catalysts are selected from Cr, Mo and W, and mixtures thereof.

1 14. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein the nanosized Group VI transition metal  
2 catalysts, and mixtures thereof of claim 3 are produced including the step of sulfiding said  
3 nanosized Group VI transition metal catalysts, and mixtures thereof.

1 15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein the nanosized Group VI transition metal  
2 catalysts, and mixtures thereof, are selected from Cr, Mo and W, and mixtures thereof.

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